

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2005. Mayor Canfield presided.

Roll Call: PRESENT: White, McNaul, Elliott, Worley, Witt.
 ABSENT: Wilson.

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Elliott, Worley, Witt. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, September 19, 2005 Regular Session.
- B. Approval of the request submitted by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce for assistance in regard to preparation and placement of the holiday decorations.
- C. Approval of the request submitted by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce in regard parking restrictions, lighting of the community tree, street closures for the Holiday Parade and Santa's entry for the Jingle Bell Holiday on Friday, December 2, 2005 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- D. Approval of the request for placement of a luminary display on 10th Avenue Place and Linden Street on Saturday, December 17, 2005 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to pay all bills where funds are available. Roll Call: Ayes: White, Worley, Elliott, Witt, McNaul. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: September 19, 2005
- B. Public Works and Grounds Committee: September 19, 2005
- C. Planning Committee: September 19 and 26, 2005
- D. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Mediacom – additions and changes to programming.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- A. Report from the Finance Committee.
 - o Discussion in regard to the 2006 health insurance renewal.

White reviewed the presentation made by Skip Lowe of Bernie Lowe and Associates in regard to health insurance programs and options. Staff has scheduled employee meetings to review the plan. The committee will recommend final approval of the change in carrier at the second regular meeting in October.

Moved by WHITE, second by ELLIOTT, to proceed with the implementation meetings with final approval of the change in carrier at the second regular session in October.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Elliott, McNaul, Worley, Witt.

- Review of the request by the Galaxy for renewal of a three year financial contribution from the Campbell Fund.

The committee tabled this request until after January 1, 2006. McNaul thanked the city council for the contributions over the past three years.

- Review of the contracts submitted in regard to the CDBG housing rehabilitation program for 612 High Street and 1533 Summer Street.

Moved by WHITE, second by ELLIOTT, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2865: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF GRINNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION CONTRACT FOR 612 HIGH STREET, GRINNELL, IOWA." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Elliott, Witt, McNaul, Worley.

Moved by WHITE, second by ELLIOTT, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2866: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF GRINNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION CONTRACT FOR 1330 DAVIS AVENUE, GRINNELL, IOWA." Roll Call Vote: White, Elliot, McNaul, Worley, Witt.

This grant applies to properties located in the 4th Ward. Any applicant must meet program guidelines to be eligible for funding.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The requests were approved as presented.

B. Report from the Planning Committee.

- Update in regard to the Highway 146 South Task Force.

Worley updated the council on the progress of the Highway 146 South Task Force. An ordinance has been prepared to address sign height on properties located south of Stage Coach Road. The committee determined that the uniform sign ordinance was not sufficient to apply to all areas of the city due to the varying elevation, especially near the interstate. The proposed ordinance allows the area to install post type signs not to exceed 35 feet in height based from an elevation of 1,009 feet. The base elevation was determined by using a fixed point at the end of the runway at the Grinnell Regional Airport.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee.

- Approval of the Application and Agreement for the Use of Highway Right of Way for Utilities Accommodation submitted by Alliant Energy.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to approve the Application and Agreement for the Use of Highway Right of Way for Utilities Accommodation submitted by Alliant Energy. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, McNaul, White, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of Pay Request No.8 in regard to the Central Business District.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2867: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320,793.07 TO MANATT'S INC. OF BROOKLYN, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, White, Worley, McNaul. Motion carried.

- Review of Pay Request No. 3 in regard to the Lang Creek Crossing Project.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2868: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,546.25 TO LOWRY CONSTRUCTION & RENTAL LLC OF GRINNELL, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE LANG CREEK CROSSING – PHASE 1B." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, McNaul, Witt, Worley, White. Motion carried.

- Review of Pay Request No. 1 (Final) in regard to the Grinnell 2005 Seal Coat Program.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2869: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,868.38 TO MANATT'S INC., OF BROOKLYN, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE GRINNELL 2005 SEALCOAT PROGRAM." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, McNaul, White, Witt, Worley. Motion carried.

- Acceptance of work completed on the Grinnell 2005 Seal Coat Program.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2870: "RESOLUTION ACCEPTING WORK – GRINNELL 2005 SEALCOAT PROGRAM." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, McNaul, Worley, White, Witt. Motion carried.

- Review of Pay Request No. 1 in regard to the T-Hanger Improvements.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2871: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,295.88 TO LOWRY CONSTRUCTION AND RENTAL, LLC. OF GRINNELL, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE T-HANGER IMPROVEMENTS." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, McNaul, Witt, White, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the grant application for statewide enhancement funding for extension of the bike trail.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by MCNAUL, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2872: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR A TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, McNaul, Worley, Witt, White. Motion carried.

- Review of the request submitted by the Grinnell Veterinary Clinic in regard to sewer service.

Elliott explained this project will extend sewer infrastructure under Highway 146 to serve the Grinnell Veterinary Clinic. This project has been in planning for several years and will benefit all development on the west side of Highway 146. The city has one logical area for extension of service due to the elevation and terrain of the land. The cost of extending the main under the highway and to the south edge of the Veterinary Clinic is approximately \$85,000.00. Further extension of the main to the airport will cost \$10,000.00 and will be a separate project funded from the waste water budget.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by MCNAUL, to proceed with preparation of plans and specifications to extend sewer service under Highway 146 to the Grinnell Veterinary Clinic. Roll Call Vote: Elliott, McNaul, Witt, White, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the correspondence submitted by Mr. Pat Hatting in regard to use of the compost/brush facility and open burning.

Elliott reviewed the suggestion of implementing an amnesty period in the spring and fall for use of the compost/brush site without charging the regular fee schedule. This will encourage citizens to use the site during the peak disposal times instead of dumping waste illegally. The request also suggested that with the implementation of the amnesty period, the council should consider banning burning all together.

The proposal will include a one week amnesty during the fall of 2005, and a one week amnesty in the spring of 2006. The success of the amnesty periods will be reviewed in the spring. Both residential and commercial users of the site will be exempt from fees. The fall amnesty period will be from Saturday, October 29, 2005 through Saturday, November 5, 2005.

The committee will be discussing the fall and spring clean up in general. Yard waste will likely no longer be accepted during the semi-annual pick ups if the amnesty periods are successful.

Moved by ELLIOTT, second by WITT, to adopt on a trial basis one fall (October 30, 2005 – November 5, 2005) and one spring (dates to be announced) amnesty period for yard waste disposal.

White called for question on the motion. He asked that in the event of in climate weather during the amnesty period, if the dates would be extended. Elliott responded that the council will have to reconsider the dates at that time. She stated that an extension would be unlikely unless extreme circumstances occur.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elliott, Witt, Worley, McNaul, White. Motion carried.

White informed the council of a complaint he received in regard to brush being dumped at a rural site near the brush site. She had requested permission to dispose of the waste at the site free of charge. McNaul commented that the city cannot assume responsibility for a citizen who chose to illegally dump waste. Elliott pointed out that irresponsible people will dump waste whether the site had changed or not. She felt the city had created a logical solution for a problem in which no action would have resulted in the loss of the site altogether.

- Discussion in regard to the contest for naming the alleys and painting the dumpsters in the Central Business District.

Elliott explained this item did not receive great attention from the public. Elliott will continue to work on this item.

- Discussion in regard to water run off and street grading on South Park Street.

This item will be discussed at the next regular session of the Public Works and Grounds Committee.

- Discussion in regard to the Park Plan.

The committee will schedule another meeting to review the park plan.

Baker and Hage updated the committee in regard to the preparation of information for the progress of the commercial solid waste program. A final report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

D. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations:

There were no appointments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

- A. Ordinance No. 1259: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4-27 (Highway 146 South Corridor/I-80 Interstate Interchange.)"

Action on this ordinance was tabled.

FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1256: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-506 (FOUR-WAY INTERSECTIONS ENUMERATED; OBSERVANCE.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Elliott, Worley, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1257: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-508 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Witt, Worley, Elliott. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by ELLIOTT, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1258 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF

GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8-2 (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION – Fire alarm monitoring panel; installation and use.)” Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Elliott, Worley, Witt, McNaul. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2873: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Jerry and Susan Renbarger, 1305 Patricia Avenue.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, McNaul, Elliott. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2862: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Eric A. and Mandi R. Rees, 1203 Prince Street.)"

Witt questioned the status of the sidewalk construction. Elliott requested a report by the end of the year to clarify the situation.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, Elliott, McNaul. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES:

Baker informed the council of a phone call he received in regard to the compost/brush site. The call was concerned about waste that may fall off vehicles as they approach the site. Staff has been monitoring the ditches and roads. The waste water treatment staff will also monitor the area and will remove any waste that creates an obstruction.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

There was no report at this time.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Canfield called for adjournment at 7:51 p.m. The council agreed by consensus.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Cassandra R. Hage, City Clerk